

(a) The total amount of foreign exchange spent since 1997 towards purchase of aircraft by the Air-India and the Indian airlines,

(b) The amount of foreign exchange earned in the corresponding period by the Air India and the Indian Airlines through the sales of tickets and freight charges and

(c) The total amount of foreign exchange incurred towards allowances to staff of these two airlines during the last one year

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The amount of foreign exchange spent by Air India and Indian Airlines on purchase of aircraft since 1997 is as under

Air India US \$ 1008.129 million

Indian Airlines US \$ 1184 million

(b) The amount of foreign exchange earned by Air India and Indian Airlines through the sale of tickets and freight charges during the corresponding period is as under

Air India Rs. 7955.08 crores

Indian Airlines Rs. 19989.53 crores

(c) according to available information, on crew allowances and travel of other staff, Air India has spent approximately Rs. 21 crores while Indian Airlines has spent approximately a crore and a half, during the last one year

Revision of schedule of Indian Airlines.

5127 **SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA**
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the Indian Airlines keep on changing its time schedule,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor,

(c) the number of times the schedule has been revised during the last twelve months, and

(d) the steps taken to improve the working and functioning of the Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) to (c) Indian Airlines changes its flight schedule when necessary for reasons like implement weather, load factor on flights, special requirements of charter operations etc. temporary reduction in operating aircraft, non availability of airport facilities and industrial unrest. Apart from re-scheduling on these accounts, the schedule of Indian Airlines flights is ordinarily revised twice a year for winter and summer

(d) The following steps have been taken to improve in this respect, the functioning of Indian Airlines flights

(i) provision of standby aircraft capacity at base stations

(ii) more realistic schedule for maintenance of aircraft,

(iii) close monitoring of action taken for rectification of snags,

(iv) more rational scheduling and deployment of aircraft, matching with traffic demands

New Post Offices in Assam

5128 **SHRI PROBIN DEKA**. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the names of places in Assam where

new Post Offices are to be opened during 1992-93?

Committee are given in the statement attached

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): while it is proposed to expand the postal network in Assam during 1992-93, it is not feasible to state the names of places in Assam where new post offices are to be opened as targets for 1992-93 in this respect have not been finalised.

Working of Geological Survey of India

5129. SHRIMATI GEETAMUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Committees appointed by the Government to review the working of the Geological Survey of India;

(b) the details of recommendations made by these Committees have been implemented in full and the number of recommendations still under implementation;

(c) the details of recommendations which have not been implemented in full;

(d) whether the Government have appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. R.K. Lang; and

(e) if so, the terms of reference of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) the terms of the reference of the

STATEMENT

Terms of Reference for Review of the Geological Survey of India

1. Assess the scope and extent of functions alongwith their relevance to the task entrusted to G.S.I. and indicate, in quantitative terms, level of fulfillment alongwith costs.
2. Study and establish feasibility of transferring function (or functions) of GSI to other organisations with a view to economising on expenditure without sacrificing the work content or the essentials, Study the scope for shedding of peripheral functions.
3. Assess productivity of typical work activities of GSI and their cost effectiveness. Study current work norms and productivity parameters in this light and suggest measures for improvement with a view to reduce/optmise expenditure.
4. study adequacy and maintenance system of the equipment and assess efficiencies of utilisation of the equipments and other assets both in the field and in the regional head functions. Formulation of policies that could be adopted for fixing of norms for their optimum utilisation.
5. Study the need for modernisation of GSI with the introduction of State-of-Art Technology for surveys and exploration including also sophisticated equipment and instruments, with a view to raise the expertise and performance to the levels achieved internationally. A list of such technologies and equipment with estimated costs of acquisition should be given.